

**DETAILED ACTION**

**EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT**

An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it **MUST** be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with John Carson on March 21, 2006.

The application has been amended as follows:

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At line ~~14~~<sup>13</sup> of claim 1, after the word "imperfection", insert the following: --whereby the imperfections act to increase the optical coupling efficiency into the optical fiber--.


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At line ~~14~~<sup>13</sup> of claim 16, after the word "imperfection", insert the following: --whereby the imperfections act to increase the optical coupling efficiency into the optical fiber--.

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At line ~~13~~<sup>14</sup> of claim 28, after the word "imperfection", insert the following: --whereby the imperfections act to increase the optical coupling efficiency into the optical fiber--.

At line 13 of claim 37, after the word "imperfection", insert the following: --whereby the imperfections act to increase the optical coupling efficiency into the optical fiber--.

  
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